

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation in C

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

From Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!

We give thanks to GOD with our whole hearts, where good people gather, and in the congregation.

God's works are a delight, full of splendor and beauty are God's works.

The Lord has gained renown by doing wonderful things, always gracious and merciful.

God gives food to those who respect and worship God. God remembers the promises God has made.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,

All who practice it have full understanding.

We will praise God forever!

OPENING PRAYER

We accept your majesty, and revel in your glory. Teach us to leave our hopes and dreams with you. In our worship, make us especially aware of your mastery over all that is good. Let us live joyfully and abundantly, belonging to Jesus. **Amen.**

*HYMN 351

All Who Love and Serve Your City

CHARLESTOWN

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

God stands ready to bless us, but we stand in the way, awkwardly. Let us join our hearts in prayer of confession. Let us pray.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Holy God, we know we need your mercy and healing, but we forget, and try to live by our own strength. Teach us to return to you. In our pride and our self-centeredness, we neglect your power to save. Have mercy on us! Open the way for us to trust in your promise to be our God, now and forever. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for personal prayer.

PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 575)

Lord Have Mercy Upon Us

Pardini

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May God's mercy make us whole again. Remember your baptism and give thanks.

Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

GREATOREX

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Having been reconciled to God, let us be reconciled to one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 22)

God of the Sparrow

ROEDER

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES
Covington

Rev. Dr. Matthew

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts and broaden our minds to receive your Word in all its fullness today. Give us fresh vision and new insight by the gifts of your Spirit.

Teach us and guide us to be always more fully your own people, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c (Read Responsively)

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram.

The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.

Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." **When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.**

"But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."

So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.

Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.

But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"

So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said,

"Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 17:11-19 (N.T.p. 80)

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN 179

Ten Lepers Facing Constant Scorn

RADIANT CITY

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(A Brief Statement of Faith)

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In Christ, we have received everything we need. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Offertory

John Ness Beck

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEALING THE WORD WITH THE SACRAMENT

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sung by all: (Hymn 552)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

The prayer continues.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Usbers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION

Rhosymedre

R. V. Williams

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sacred food makes for a sacred meal. We, who do not easily approach sacredness, are now full of this blessing. Let us live with the holiness we have received in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE CREATED ORDER

*HYMN 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Carillon du Longport

L. Vierne

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Patti Price*

Communion Servers: *Paul & Charlotte Puckett*

Kids' Kirk: *Marna Loucks*

The Life of the Church

Our annual **Fall Festival** will take place on Sunday, October 26th from 4-6 PM. We will have trunk or treating, a cake walk, a chili supper, and more. The event is open to the community, so we will need lots of help to make this a big success! Please see Stephanie Dube, Marilyn Ericksen, or Debbie McCoy for more information. To volunteer, sign-up sheets are available on the Helping Hands table in the hallway.

Please join us following worship for a **reception honoring Matthew Covington** and his time with FPC.

Printed copies of this week's **PresbyNotes** newsletter are available on the table in the hall.

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.50 is taken from your donation
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
*Please note that a 2.9% fee + \$0.30 is taken from your donation
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawal



Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year-To-Date (thru Aug)

Income: \$ 314,028.77

Expense: \$ 291,987.88

Balance: \$ 22,040.89

Month To Date (September)

Income: \$ 29,016.14

Expense: \$ 36,717.87

Balance: (-\$ 7,701.73)

Week of September 28

Income: \$ 2,580.00

Expense: \$ 759.10

Balance: \$ 1,820.90

**We're only a little ahead for the year.
Keep your pledge current and look for more good news here.**



First Presbyterian Church is an inclusive community of faith called to proclaim the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people, and to join God in the building of a just, peaceful, and compassionate world.

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